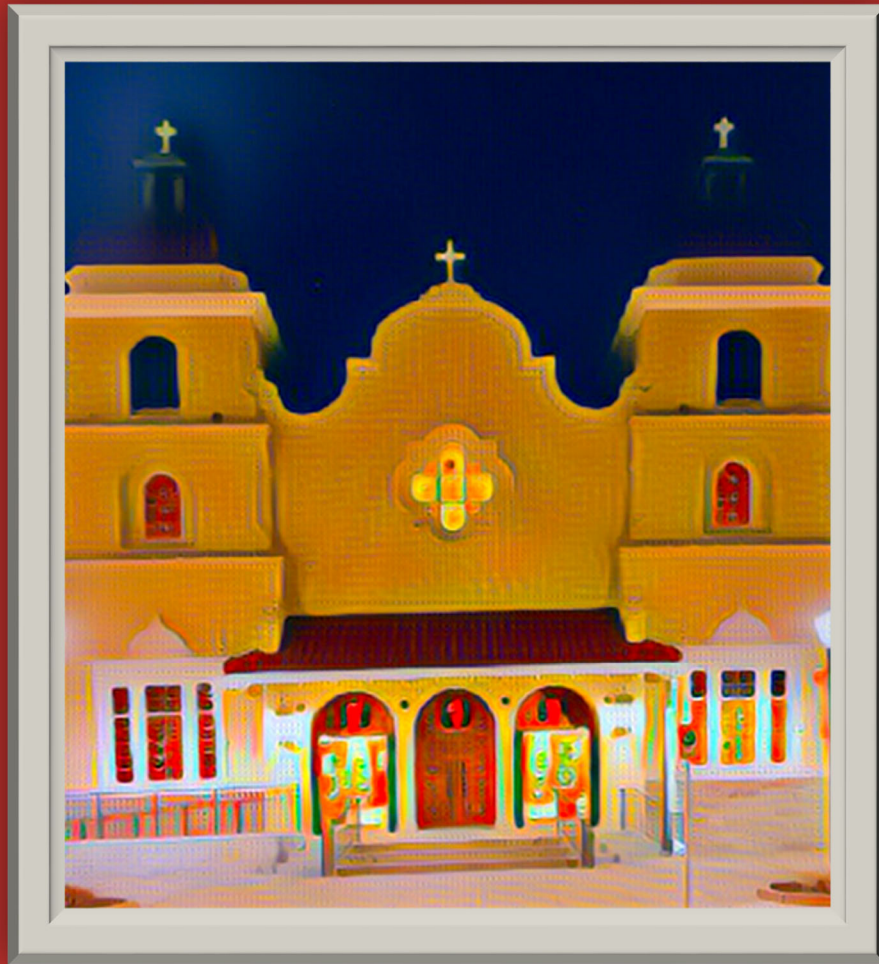


VISITATION PARISH

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 2, 2022



OUR MISSION

Visitation, a community of communities, is committed to a way of life based on Christ's teaching and our Catholic tradition by being dedicated to lifelong conversion in faith, healing sanctuary in our sacraments and relationships, an educational environment for our children which emphasizes Catholic values and is committed to excellence, awareness and responsiveness to the needs of our neighbors and our society.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Masses

Saturday..... 4:00 pm
Sunday..... 8:00 am & 10:30 am

Confessions

Saturday 3:00 pm

Weekday Masses (St. Joseph Chapel)

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday..... 6:45 am
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday..... 8:15 am
Saturday..... 8:15 am

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY

2022 ANNUAL APPEAL & AUTOMATED GIVING

Thank you to the nearly 400 parishioners who have returned 22 pledge forms! If you have yet to do so, please return your pledge forms as soon as possible or make your pledge online.

A reminder to our automated donors: We are changing electronic giving providers this year. If you contribute via bank draft (ACH) or credit/debit card through Visitation, please note that account numbers are encrypted and cannot be copied into the new system. *So we need your help!* Please go to the 2022 Annual Appeal page or the Online Giving portal on our website at www.visitation.org to set up your automated payments. Or you may contact Megan Burdolski at 753-5155 x1305 for her assistance in transitioning your gifts to our new system.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation sessions will resume on January 9 at 12:00 noon in Tighe Hall. Check your emails for Confirmation Bitmoji Classroom for schedule and missed sessions.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

"What began with a call to the Visitation St Vincent de Paul helpline developed into a relationship incredibly rich with substance and meaning for our client and a rising Eagle Scout from our parish. The call was not extraordinary in nature and might have been taken care of easily over the phone, yet in keeping with the mission of SVdP, a home visit changed that course. The client's home needed much repair and his utilities had recently been turned off. His needs were more than SVdP could provide, and yet, this man had crossed our path. A few phone calls and meetings later, an Eagle Scout Project was designed! Many hours of work have since gone toward improving the quality of our client's life as well as instilling a hard-earned sense of community, duty, and service in members of Troop 1084 and its many adult supporters. Your generous donations to St Vincent de Paul make these relationships possible and provide enduring ties to our faith community."

WEDDINGS

The parish extends prayers and congratulations to Emily Wilson and Thomas Ranieri on their wedding at Visitation on December 31, 2021.

OUR SYMPATHY & PRAYERS TO

Tom Cotton on the death of his brother, Bob Cotton.

REMEMBER OUR SICK

Robert Stumpff

Suzanne Adams
Pamela Atherton
Barbara Kopp Atkinson
Maggie Quirarte Bates
Marilyn Frechin Blank
Dorothy Bock
Leonardo Borders
Mary Ann Brown
Mike Caraway
Shari Caraway
Marianne Carl
Beverly Cascone
Joanne Comiskey
Olivia Connealy
Jimmy Connell
Hunter Cook
Polly Donnelly
Allie May Dudenhoeffer
Tom Fraley
Shana Gadt
Susie Haake
Brooke Kuechler Harris
Mike Henninger
Joe Irwin
William Jewell
Jaquie Kallman
Peg Kallman
Shirley Kempker
Marriane Kersten
John Langle
Bryan Larson
Betsy Lazere
Jeanne Lendabarker
Anthony Lipari, Sr.
Jorge Maldonado
Scott Martens

Priscilla McInnes
Thomas McNamara
Tricia Melland
Birdie Mendence
Mary Montgomery
Lionel Morgan
Joe Noblitt
Maggie O'Neill
Jennifer Olson
Charles Oppenlander
Nicholas Parscale
Leonardo Passantino
Connie Perucca
Pat Piranio
Nicola Pistone
Kat Potter
Peggy Pruitt
Quinn Regan
Carol Riesmeyer
Ellie Rose
The Ryan Family
The Saalberg Family
Jeff Schilling
Fran Schuetz
Barbara Schulte
Aimee Sesler
Bill Sharp
Sandra Sharp
Sharon Smart
Special Intention
Jeannie Sullivan
Peter Thompson
Tripp Thompson
Salvador Valldeperas, Sr.
Annabelle Whalen
Dave Wittrock
Leigh Ann Zeller

The parish community continues to pray for parish members and their families who are serving in the armed services: Major Philip Martin, Ft. Leavenworth, KS; Maj. Chris Oppenlander, Hill Airforce Base; Maj. Gisselle Oppenlander, Hill Airforce Base; Staff Sgt. Louis Perez, San Diego, CA.

RACIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

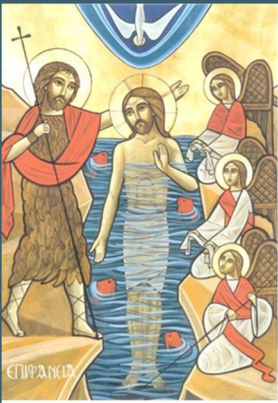
Looking for new things to do and experience this holiday season? There are many exciting opportunities to explore our multicultural heritage right here in Kansas City:

- Black Archives of Mid-America featuring the exhibit “With My Eyes No Longer Blind” – 1722 East 17th Terrace, KCMO
- Negro Leagues Baseball Museum – 1616 East 18th Street, KCMO
- American Jazz Museum – 1616 East 18th Street, KCMO
- Bruce R. Watkins Cultural Center (limited hours due to COVID) – 3700 Blue Parkway, KCMO



Or drive through the metro and hear about the history of segregation in Kansas City via the Dividing Lines Tour: <https://voicemap.me/tour/kansas-city/dividing-lines-a-history-of-segregation-in-kansas-city/sites>

BAPTISM



The Baptism of the Lord

Sunday, January 9, 2022

10:30 a.m. Mass

You're Invited to a...

Blessing of the Newly Baptized

for all Children of God baptized between March 2020 and December 2021



Join us for the 10:30 a.m. Mass and receive a special blessing on the feast of the Baptism of the Lord followed by a reception in the narthex.



Send a favorite baptism pic for our slideshow during the reception.

Email photo to: Teresa@church.visitation.org

SCHOOL OF RELIGION

S.O.R. classes are on winter break December 27 – January 17. Classes resume Monday January 24, 2022. MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM OUR SCHOOL OF RELIGION FAMILIES! – Christmas Party 2021

S.O.R. is a religious education program that serves the children of Visitation and their families. We gather in the St. Joseph Chapel on Mondays from 5:15 – 6:15 pm. For more information, contact Teresa at teresa@church.visitation.org.

NEW REGISTRATIONS: Spring Semester begins January 24. New registrations for Kindergarten – 9th graders are being accepted. Contact Teresa Albright at teresa@church.visitation.org for more information about becoming a School of Religion family.



MASS INTENTIONS DECEMBER 28– JANUARY 2

Tuesday, January 4

6:45 am Naomi Pruitt Cosens †
8:15 am Sidney Cooke Jr. †

Wednesday, January 5

6:45 am Charlotte Melville-Zimmerman †
8:15 am Fifi Wiedeman †

Thursday, January 6

8:15 am Mae Brown †

Friday, January 7

8:15 am Kelsey Kivisto †

Saturday, January 8

8:15am Margaret, Forrest & Diona Rowe †
4:00 pm Martha Beckers †

Sunday, January 9

8:00 am People of Visitation
10:30 am Sonny Sizemore †

PARISH BOUNDARIES

State Line on the West to Oak St. on the East;
47th Street on the North to Meyer Blvd on the South

PARISH OFFICE, Monday-Friday: 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

5141 Main St, Kansas City, MO 64112

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Priest in Residence, Fr. Charles Rowe

BULLETIN DEADLINE Noon Monday

SACRAMENTS

Anointing of the Sick by appointment

Msgr. Offutt, and Chris Sanders

Eucharist to Homebound and Hospital, Chris Sanders

Sacrament of Matrimony, Contact Chris Sanders to begin marriage preparation.

Sacrament of Confirmation, Youth Chris Sanders

Sacrament of Infant Baptism, Adult Confirmation and Sacraments of Initiation, *For those who wish to become Catholic.* Teresa Albright

PARISH COUNCIL 2021-2022

Bill Dunn

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John Legg

Don Lueke

Tina Mateski

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Phone 531-6200Fax 531-8045

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Vice Principal, Kelli Minshall x3141

Secretary, Bridget Winget x3136

St. Vincent De Paul Help Line

753-9061

Diocese of Kansas City St. Joseph

Ombudsman, Joe Crayon 812-2500

Victim Assistance Coordinator,

Whitney True-Francis 392-0011

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combatting sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you observe or suspect sexual abuse:

1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-392-3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and
2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and
3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult to the Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, at 812-2500 or crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph.

The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact Whitney True-Francis, Victim Assistance Coordinator, at 392-0011 or true.francis@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

SOCIAL SERVICES

CARE PORTAL

A Care Portal story by Erin Greenhaulgh.....

I almost didn't open the email. I'm too busy. Too much to do. Errands to run, deadlines to meet, laundry to fold. I can barely meet my own needs, how am I going to meet someone else's? But something about "single mom in a shelter unexpectedly" tugged at me.

So, I opened it. Clicked on the link, and proceeded to read about a woman with five kids whose ages and clothing sizes matched up almost perfectly with my own four. The mom had warm weather clothes for her kids, but the weather had just started to dip down into the 30s again, and they were desperate for long pants, long-sleeved shirts, coats, hats, mittens and more. I have those things. Lots of those things. We have years of hand-me-downs piled up in our closets. I can always buy more - this woman cannot.

I opened a coat closet and gazed at the North Face fleeces and puffy ski jackets in just about every size hanging from hangers. I had to help.

I replied to the email, and while my toddler napped, I rummaged through closets and storage bins and ended up filling five trash bags of clothes. It was like two little fishes and fives loaves of bread—the clothes just kept coming—and my kids haven't even noticed that they're down a few articles of warm clothing. And if they need something, I can pop over to Target to re-stock. The Care Portal email I received that morning helped that family have a better winter than they otherwise would have.

Signing up to be on the Care Portal response team doesn't take much. There's absolutely no obligation or judgment. You simply help when you can. Each situation is different. Sometimes it's someone moving into a home for the first time in need of furniture or household needs. Sometimes it's a request for a Price Chopper Gift card. Or a box of diapers and wipes for a newborn in foster care.

And it's easy. Care Portal puts the need out there with a mass email and you can choose whether or not to respond. Later that afternoon, a very grateful social worker pulled up in front of my house and we loaded the bags into her car. At that point, we had only texted back and forth to arrange the pick-up. "I'd never used Care Portal before, until this case," she admitted. "So I really wasn't sure what to expect, but I can't even tell you how helpful this is going to be for this family. The kids have been so cold and wearing their mom's coats and hooded sweatshirts to school."

I hadn't been sure what to expect either, unsure that my efforts were going to pay off, but her gratitude told me otherwise. I immediately started looking forward to my next Care Portal email. Maybe I'll be able to help and maybe I won't. The needs are diverse but easy to fulfill. And there's always need. I can't change the world or end poverty, but I can make a difference. And so can you.

For information, or to sign up to be on the Response Team for CarePortal, please email Karen@church.visitation.org



THANK YOU FROM DUCHESNE CLINIC

Dear Karen,

On behalf of Duchesne Clinic and our patients, thank you for your Visitation Catholic Communities' grant award in the amount of \$1,000 to support Duchesne Clinic. We're honored to be a recipient of these grant monies used to underwrite the transformational first month of medical care for 15 new patients. You've helped these individuals take the first step towards hope for their future.

As the new Executive Director, I welcome the opportunity to further the good work George Noonan has ensured during his time at Caritas Clinics. With experience in healthcare for the underserved and operations management, together with degrees in social sciences and psychology, I am well versed in the struggles involved in caring for the most vulnerable members of our communities. The barriers that exist are daunting and yet it is so important to keep our communities healthy and safe. I am excited to partner with you to make certain even more people have access to the high quality care Caritas Clinics provides.

Your giving heart allows us to do the important work we do, helping change the lives of so many who would be lost without medical care. It is a clear statement of how you value our mission: to reveal and foster God's healing love by improving the health of the people and communities we serve, especially those who are poor and vulnerable. During these unpredictable times as we still struggle with a worldwide pandemic, we are grateful you stand with us to care for those who need care the most.

Sincerely,

Michele Surber
Executive Director

SCHOOL

Save the Date for Trivia Night 2022 on February 26!



The Visitation Annual Trivia Night 2022 will be on Saturday, February 26 this year! Mark your calendars, start gathering your friends for your table, and planning your theme! Trivia Night is always so much fun!!

To reserve your table or spot at the table, go to:

<https://form.jotform.com/213346714882157>

Questions? Contact Nina LaFavor: ninabeana24@yahoo.com We hope to see you there!

FAITH FORMATION



The Faith Formation Team is planning its fourth season of the Vis-on-Main podcast with parishioner and host, Lorraine Gordon. Episodes will discuss key themes of Alvin Brooks' memoir. Stay tuned!

Parish Book for 2021-2022 – Join others in our faith community reading *Binding Us Together*, a memoir by Alvin L. Brooks. Pick up your free copy today from the church narthex or parish office.

COMING THIS SPRING!...Bonus episodes in collaboration with the Visitation Racial Justice Committee.

FINANCIAL

Contribution Income in November fell short of budget by \$73,188 or 18.8%. This is the biggest deficit in contribution income year-to-date. This downturn is rooted in timing differences in the giving patterns of a number of our donors during the current calendar year. We are hopeful that all of our parishioners will show their heartfelt generosity and fulfill their 2021 pledges by the end of December in order to bring our Contribution Income for the year-to-date into alignment with our budget in the next few months.

Other Income, which includes ministries and program fees, miscellaneous one-time donations, school tuition, registration fees and after care fees exceeded budget by \$7,122 in November, partly due to an unexpected donation to the school this month. This brings our total monthly income to a negative \$66,066 or 16.3% under budget.

Parish expenses were under budget in November by \$28,154, due to personnel and lower than expected Donations to the Poor. The positive variance on expenses reduced the net before extraordinary to a negative \$37,912.

Contribution Income year-to-date shows a deficit of \$20,985 and a surplus of \$170 on Other Income creating a year-to-date deficit of \$20,815 or 0.96%. Operational Expense year-to-date are under budget by \$22,673 leaving the Parish Net before Extraordinary year-to-date surplus of \$1,858.

Compared to the prior fiscal year to date, Parish Net Income for 2021/2022 surpassed last year's results by \$99,555. This particular positive variance, however, will fluctuate from month to month as the year progresses, due in part to normal contribution and expenditure timing differences and to the volatility and some uncertainty that the Covid pandemic has introduced into Visitation parish life.

		Month of November 2021		
		Actual	Budget	Difference
Contribution Income	\$	317,110	\$ 390,299	\$ (73,188)
Other Income	\$	22,057	\$ 14,935	\$ 7,122
Total Operating Income	\$	339,168	\$ 405,234	\$ (66,066)
Operating Expense	\$	418,504	\$ 446,658	\$ 28,154
Net	\$	(79,336)	\$ (41,424)	\$ (37,912)

		Fiscal YTD (July-November)		
		Actual	Budget	Difference
Contribution Income	\$	1,366,983	\$ 1,387,968	\$ (20,985)
Other Income	\$	772,046	\$ 771,876	\$ 170
Total Operating Income	\$	2,139,028	\$ 2,159,843	\$ (20,815)
Operating Expense	\$	2,105,229	\$ 2,127,903	\$ 22,673
Net	\$	33,799	\$ 31,941	\$ 1,858

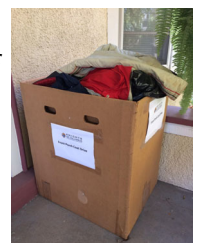
		Fiscal YTD This Year	Fiscal YTD Last Year	Difference
Contribution Income	\$	1,366,983	\$ 1,363,839	\$ 3,144
Other Income	\$	772,046	\$ 675,635	\$ 96,411
Total Operating Income	\$	2,139,028	\$ 2,039,473	\$ 99,555
Operating Expense	\$	2,105,229	\$ 2,028,537	\$ (76,692)
Net	\$	33,799	\$ 10,936	\$ 22,863

Thank you for your continued support.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COAT DRIVE

Our Visitation Knights Annual Front Porch Coat Drive is underway. Drop off your donations of coats and other winter items in the large boxes on the front porches of the Vasquez (5415 Baltimore), Steinert (5818 Central) and Fedinets (433 W. 69th St.) homes through January 7. Please clean out your basements, closets and kids rooms to show the generosity that Visitation is always known for.



VISITATION CHOIR

Visitation Choir Epiphany Concert
Thursday, January 6 at Visitation Church,
7:00 pm

Please join the Visitation Music Ministry for an evening of song celebrating the Feast of the Epiphany. Concert begins at 7:00 pm and a reception will follow in the Narthex.



WOMEN OF VISITATION

WOMEN OF VISITATION EPIPHANY ROSARY FRIDAY, JANUARY 7



Join the Women of Visitation in the St. Joseph Chapel after the 8:15 am Mass on Friday, January 7 to pray the rosary. A reception will follow in the narthex.

Wednesday, December 22 at 9:24 am
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